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Inventors: Sang Van TRAN *et al.*
Our Ref: 1875.4810001

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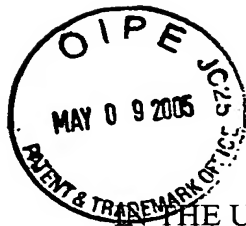
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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	AR1	96 kHz Digital Audio Interface Transmitter: Data Sheet CS8405A, Cirrus Logic, November 1999, 33 pages.
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